

## THE TALE OF A REVOLUTIONIST.

Francis Harden's Story of His Life  
As Told by Himself.

HE WILL LEAVE ON THE MONOWAI.

The Many-Named Exile is at Last  
Forced to Take His Departure—His  
Adventures in Central and South  
America—A Checkered Career.

When the Monowai departs, Francis Leonard Garcia Harden will be no more. The young man who has, in various ways, made himself a very prominent member of the community for some time past will have departed to shed the bright beams of his light over favored San Francisco. If he does not manage to get exiled from that city, he will probably give the newspaper paragraphers something to write about. That seems to be his mission on earth.

Harden has been an eyesore to the police ever since he has been in the country. As will be remembered, he

forty-eight hours and was the only man able to stand when Captain McLeod came to their assistance. H. M. S. Calliope soon came in and Captain Kane did all in his power for the unfortunate sufferers. The George Noble was finally taken to Sydney where Harden put in three pleasant months in the hospital. He finally drifted back to England and had the pleasure of hearing a mass said for the repose of his soul, he being mourned as dead.

The following is from the Fiji Times of February 14th, 1893: "In June, 1890, Harden was fighting in the streets of Buenos Ayres with the Union Civica against the oppression of Juarez Celman. He was decorated by the French Government for 'gallantry and humanity in saving life off the French Coast' the same year, and subsequently received the Red Cross from the Colonial Government of Newfoundland for his services during the diphtheria epidemic. Harden deserted his ship at St. Johns and volunteered his aid when thirty per cent of the patients were dying and a panic had ensued."

The outbreak of the Chilean revolution found him in Buenos Ayres again and some refugees who had escaped from Balmaceda's fury took him north through Argentina and Bolivia to North Chile. The refugees crossed the Cordillera at an altitude of nearly 18,000 feet. Harden joined the Chilean navy and as aspirante was in the Aconcagua when that transport, practically unarmed, stood off the two torpedo cruisers Lynch and Cordell after they had sunk the Blanco Encalada. Harden was in the Cachapoal when Tocopilla was captured by the Congressionals, and in many other engagements along the coast both ashore and afloat. When the insur-



Francis Leo. G. Harden.

(From a photograph taken four years ago, when the festive youth was an honorary member of the New Zealand Artillery.)

was exiled because he wanted to fight a duel some time ago, with John Sheldon, who was at the time on the editorial staff of Ka Leo. Something had been said in the paper which touched Harden's keen sense of honor, and he at once issued a challenge. The duel never came off, however, as Harden was banished from the country.

It was supposed that he would be landed at Samoa, but the authorities there had enough revolutionists to handle without importing any, and they refused to allow him to land. Consequently, the British man-of-war Daphne, which had the honor of conveying him away from this scene of his tribulations, was forced to carry him on to Fiji, where he was landed. He did not stay there long, but drifted out to the colonies. It was not long before his beaming visage was again seen around the streets of Honolulu, and, in spite of all the efforts of the police to induce him to leave, he has resisted until the present time. And there is no doubt that, had he the money to fight the case now hanging over his head, he would again refuse to leave, and stay here in the hopes of beating the Government, which seems to be the height of his desire.

Harden has been in the toils of the law time and again, and time and again he has escaped. His latest escapade, in connection with Manager Dailey, seems to be a clincher, and the many named young exile has been forced to give up the fight.

The following brief account of Harden's life was written by himself, and will show, to a small extent, how adventurous his existence has been. It is proven true by the many newspaper clippings which are in his possession.

## AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE.

Francis Leonard Garcia Harden was born in England in August, 1873. His mother was a porteno Chilean. Her father, Colonel Garcia, was at one time governor of the state of Coquimbo. Harden, when fifteen years old, went to Australia as a cadet in the White Star liner Hesperides. His love of adventure made him desert and he went on a trading cruise to the Gilbert Islands in a Sydney schooner. This was in 1889, the year of the famous Samoan hurricane. Disaster succeeded disaster in the vessel. The water taken from Apian poisoned the crew, and when the George Noble left Tarawa for home the captain died. One after another the crew succumbed to disease, and the vessel put in to Hananah Harbor, New Hebrides, with the few survivors lying round the deck. Harden had the wheel for

gent fleet anchored in Quintero Bay to land the northern army a naval brigade was also sent ashore. Harden, then acting as sub-lieutenant, went also. At Vina del Mar a lucky shell killed three of his senior officers and Harden commanded the brigade at the final battle of Placilla, where he held the extreme right of the Congressional line against all efforts to turn that flank by the Government cavalry. Harden was wounded in the thigh, but had the honor of a mention in the dispatches of General del Canto, the Commander-in-Chief of the army. After experiencing many disappointments Harden went to Mexico, about the time of the Garza emeute, but finally came to Honolulu, attracted by an article in the Illustrated American written by the late D. L. Huntman.

## HIS ONE REGRET.

Harden's one regret in leaving the country is that young Fitzgerald does not accompany him.

"I met 'Fitz' in Panama some years ago," said he last evening, "and we have been chums ever since. If he could go with me to the States we could make Rome howl for a time, at least."

"If I had been on the right side of politics here, I would have been all right. But when I declared that my undying devotion should be given to the now lost cause of the Monarchy, I fully expected to come out at the top of the heap. I often want to go off in a corner and kick myself now, but I have too many friends on the other side to switch, so I cling to the forlorn hope as long as I could. But the jig is up now, and I am forced to leave for foreign parts."

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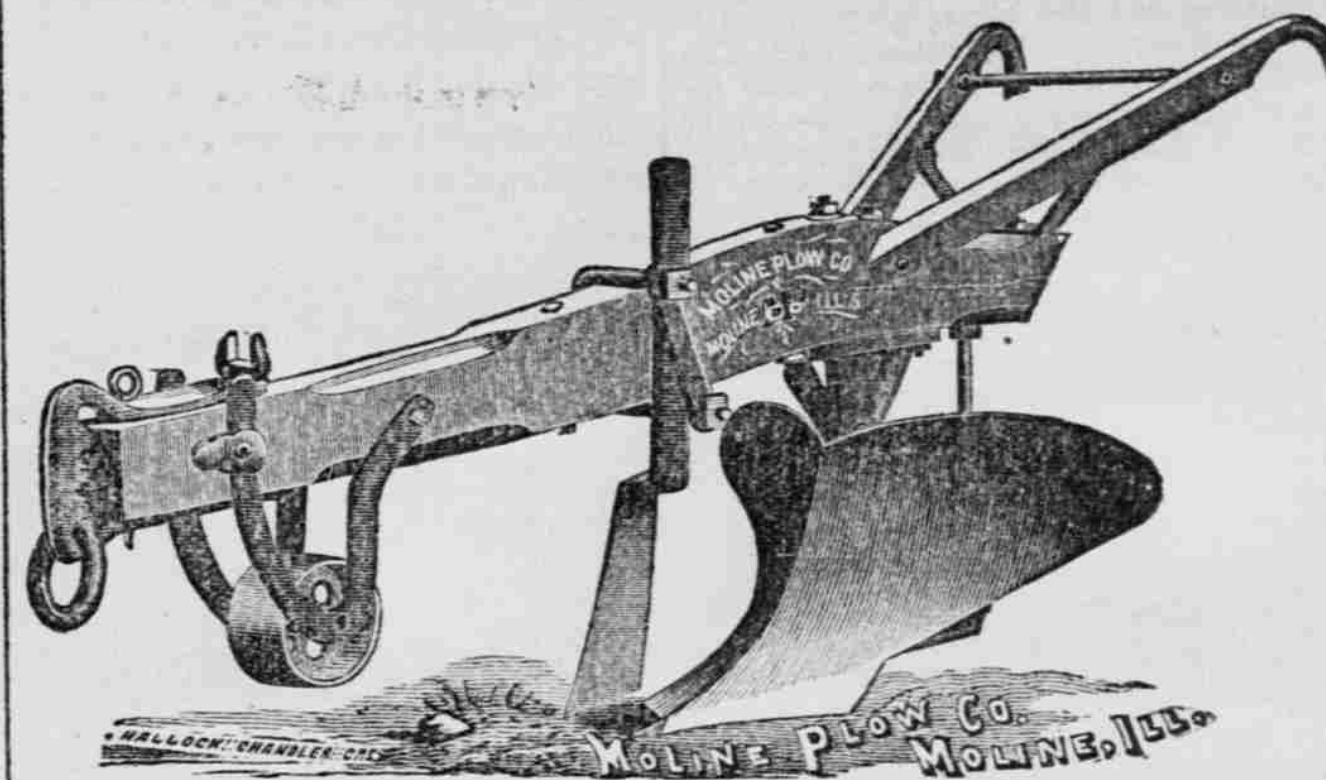
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